

## **Electronics Disposal**

As of 1 Sept 2010 we are no longer allowed to dispose of electronics in the regular garbage pickup or the bulky waste pickup. An explanation is included below.

The FDL UW Extension has a web site that lists drop off sites for all landfill banned items. It is [www.sustainfdlcounty.org](http://www.sustainfdlcounty.org). For electronics, Best Buy is one of the drop off sites.

As of Wednesday Sept. 1, Wisconsin's electronics recycling law bans the use of landfills or incineration to dispose of electronic devices. The ban covers televisions; computers (including desktop, laptop, netbook and tablet computers); computer monitors; desktop printers (including those that scan, fax, or copy); other computer accessories, including keyboards, mice, speakers, external hard drives and flash drives; DVD players, DVRs, VCRs and other video players; Fax machines; and cell phones.

The ban covers everyone in the state, and applies no matter where a device was purchased or who used it. Households, schools, businesses, governments and institutions are all covered under the ban.

Electronics contain reusable materials including precious metals, steel, glass, plastics and others. "Recycling or reusing these materials reduces environmental impacts and economic costs by reducing the need for virgin materials in new electronics," according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.